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the Secretary, Maritime Subsidy Board/Maritime Administration.

(4) Provide that if no petitions for leave to intervene are received within the specified time, the Maritime Subsidy Board/Maritime Administration will take such action as may be deemed appropriate.

(5) Provide that in the event petitions are received from parties with standing to be heard on the application, a hearing will be held on a date specified in the notice.

(6) Indicate that the purpose of the hearing will be to receive evidence under section 805(a) relative to whether the proposed operation (i) could result in unfair competition to any person, firm, or corporation operating exclusively in the coastwise or intercoastal service or (ii) would be prejudicial to the objects and policy of the Act relative to domestic trade operations.

§ 380.5 Exception to procedure.

The Maritime Subsidy Board or the Maritime Administrator may dispense with the publication of notice when not inconsistent with applicable laws.

Subpart B—Application for Designation of Vessels as American Great Lakes Vessels

AUTHORITY: Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, (46 app. U.S.C. 1114(b)); Subtitle B, Pub. L. 101-624; 49 CFR 1.66.

SOURCE: 56 FR 3980, Feb. 1, 1991, unless otherwise noted.

§ 380.10 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to prescribe the requirements for the submission of applications for designation of vessels as American Great Lakes vessels, subject to the conditions imposed by section 1522 of Pub. L. 101-624 (November 28, 1990).

§ 380.11 Designation of American Great Lakes Vessels.

The Secretary shall designate a vessel as an American Great Lakes vessel if—

(a) The vessel is documented under the laws of the United States;

(b)(1) The vessel is not more than 6 years old, and not less than 1 year old,

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on the effective date of the designation; or

(2) The vessel is not more than 11 years old, and not less than 1 year old, on the effective date of the designation, and the Secretary determines that suitable vessels are not available for providing the type of service for which the vessel will be used after designation;

(c) The vessel has not been previously designated as an American Great Lakes vessel; and

(d) The person who will be the owner of the vessel at the time of such designation agrees to enter into an agreement with the Secretary which provides that if the Secretary determines that the vessel is necessary to the defense of the United States, the United States Government shall have, during the 120-day period following the date of any revocation of such designation an exclusive right to purchase the vessel for a price equal to—

(1) The approximate world market value of the vessel; or

(2) The cost of the vessel to the owner less an amount representing reasonable depreciation of the vessel, whichever is greater.

§ 380.12 Application requirements.

(a) *Submission.* An application for designation of one or more vessels as an American Great Lakes vessel shall be filed with the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St. SW., Room 7300, Washington, DC 20590, at least 60 days prior to the date when the owner wishes to commence operation of one or more vessels with such designation. The application shall state with specificity that the vessel complies with the requirements of § 380.11.

(b) *Fee.* Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 per vessel. Payment shall be made by cashier's check, certified check, or money order, payable to "Maritime Administration."

(c) *Unavailability of suitable vessels.* Where the owner requests that the Secretary make a determination that would allow the designation of one or more vessels that would be over 6 years of age, but less than 11 years of age, on the effective date of designation, the

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owner shall include with the application all relevant and material information from which the Secretary may determine that suitable vessels will not be available for the type of service in which the vessel(s) will be used after designation.

Subpart C—Records Retention Schedule

AUTHORITY: Secs. 204, 207, 49 Stat. 1987, as amended, 1988, as amended; 46 U.S.C. 1114, 1117; sec. 801, 49 Stat. 2011, 46 U.S.C. 1211.

§ 380.20 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to prescribe the procedure to be followed by contractors for the retention and disposal of books, records, and accounts created and maintained by them under construction or operating-differential subsidy contracts with the Maritime Administration/Maritime Subsidy Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Administration"). The minimum retention periods prescribed herein govern only the Administration's requirements for the preservation of the hereinafter specified books, records, and accounts. The failure to describe a particular book, record, or account shall not exempt a contractor from retaining the particular book, record, or account, unless expressly so authorized by the Administration.

(Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)); Pub. L. 97-31 (August 6, 1981); 49 CFR 1.66 (46 FR 47458, Sept. 28, 1981))

[48 FR 45560, Oct. 6, 1983]

§ 380.21 Reproduction.

(a) The records described in § 380.24 may be microfilmed or otherwise reproduced in lieu of their retention in original form: *Provided*, That such reproductions shall not be made prior to completion of the audit of such records by the Administration.

(b) The following standards are established for reproduction processes:

(1) *Microfilm*. The film stock used in making photographic or microphotographic copies shall comply with Interim Federal Standard No. 125 covering photographic film and processed photographic film. The microfilm shall

be regularly inspected for aging in accordance with Handbook 96, entitled, "Inspection of Processed Photographic Record Films for Aging Blemishes", published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards. If blemishes are detected, a duplicate copy of the roll or print shall be made immediately.

(2) *Photocopy*. Electrostatic or wet processes only.

(Sec. 204(b), Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1114(b)); Pub. L. 97-31 (August 6, 1981); 49 CFR 1.66 (46 FR 47458, Sept. 28, 1981))

[G.O. 101, 30 FR 12356, Sept. 28, 1965, as amended at 48 FR 45560, Oct. 6, 1983]

§ 380.22 Responsibility.

(a) Notwithstanding the minimum retention periods hereinafter set forth, it shall be the sole responsibility of any party subject to the provisions of this subpart to retain such books, records, and accounts:

(1) For the periods specifically provided by any statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements of the Administration, or

(2) Pertaining to or related to matters in litigation, to matters which knowingly may become involved in litigation, to unsettled claims of whatsoever nature, and to all unsettled matters specifically reserved by the parties at the time of any final accounting as may be required under statute, contract and/or agreement.

(b) With respect to books, records, and accounts which, subject to the provision of paragraph (a) of this section, are to be disposed of upon the expiration of the minimum retention period prescribed herein, there shall be filed with the Records Officer, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC, 20590, a written notification, in triplicate, via registered mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the contemplated, disposal requesting permission to dispose of records. The request shall be in such form that the books, records, and accounts can be readily identified. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notification the Records Officer shall grant approval for disposal, or advise the necessity for continued retention of all or any specified portion thereof. Failure of the Record Officer to reply